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On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

HONGKONG, May 10, 1880.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, £1,000,000 Dollars.

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

HONGKONG, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,300,000.

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HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Paix, PARIS.

AGENTS AND BRANCHES at:

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND, THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

HONGKONG, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per annum.

" 6 " " 4 " "

" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. ERNST LUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no18

NOTICE.

MR. THOMAS GIBB WILLIAMSON has been authorized to Sign our Firm in Hongkong from this Date.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no1

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. JOHN PATRICK LALOR to Sign the Name of our Firm.

MARGENSON & Co.

Macao, 5th October, 1880. no5

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed Sole Agents of the FILLIOTT'S MATAL COMPANY, Birmingham, for Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880. no13

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

MUNTZ PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEATHING, all Sizes;

AND COMPOSITION NAILS, in Lots to Suit Purchasers.

G. R. LAMBERT, Pedlar's Wharf Buildings.

Hongkong, July 28, 1880.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, £10 per 1 doz. Case.

Pils., £17 per 3 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1880.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

FOR SALE.

MULLER FRERES' CELEBRATED OLD BRANDY.

In Cases of 1 dozen Qts.

Apply to HENSE & Co., Sole Agents.

Hongkong, Sept. 1, 1880. 1js81

JAPAN SALTZER MANUFACTURED BY LLEWELLYN & Co. from JAPAN SPRING WATER AT THEIR STEAM AND WATER FACTORY, Shanghai.

Agents in Hongkong—Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Ho kong, July 31, 1880. 3js81

Ninth Volume of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 1—Vol. IX.

OF THE "CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The Educational Curriculum of the Chinese, Louis de Camont.

Inscriptions on Red Paper, Pictures, Etc., on Chinese Street-doors.

Notes on the Korean Language.

Modern Biography in China—The Grand Secretary Li.

Annals.

Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—

Chinese Coins.

Land Tenure in China.

The Chinese Court.

Ancient Bridal Customs Compared.

A Substitute for Tea.

The "Blue River."

Errata:—

Canton Syllabary.

Facsimile and English Translations.

—Corrigenda.

Note on the Kitchen-God.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, September 11, 1880.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE,

EX "GLAMIS CASTLE" AND "GLENEAGLES."

CARTRIDGE CASES.

CARTRIDGE MACHINES.

CARTRIDGE BELTS.

CARTRIDGE EXTRACTORS.

THICK AND THIN WADES.

SHOT—All Sizes.

POWDER—(Pigeon & Wilks).

DRAM FLASKS.

CHRISTMAS CARDS,

LAST MAIL FOR HOME POSTAGE 17th PROXIMO.

Hongkong, October 21, 1880. no1

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just received EX "FRENCH MAIL" their NEW STOCK OF CHRISTMAS CARDS:—

Memorandum Tablets for 1880.

Fleming's "Indian Gardening."

Knock's "Rational Anatomy."

Johnson's "Hall Map of World."

on roller.

Ugubard's "Electro Plating."

"New Year Annual."

Jeffre's "Round about a Great Estate."

Mark Twain's "Tramps Abroad."

illustrated.

New Health Primers—"Brain Work," "The Heart," each, 40.

Proctor's "Star Atlas," 17s.

"Slang Dictionary," 2s.

"Yacht on the Horse," 3s.

Sankey's "Hymns with Music," 4s.

from

Loski's "Telegraph Cables," 1s.

Hosier's "History of British Commerce," 5s.

Hongkong, October 11, 1880.

Auctions.

AUCTION OF ELEGANT

PARISIAN-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

PIANO, PLATED-WARE, PICTURES, ENGLISH AND AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (under Power contained in Bill of Sale and under District Rent), on

THURSDAY,

the 11th November, at Noon,

THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, &c., of the

"HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,"

comprising:—

Drawing Room—Parisian-made Drawing-room Suite in Yellow and Crimson Rep, Mirrors, Clocks, Centre and Side Tables, Chino-Lithographs, Piano, Carpet, Gasoliers, Curtains, &c.

Dining Room—Carved Oak Sideboard, Whatnot, Dining Tables, Plated Ware, Glass and Cockery, Chairs, Rep-covered Couches, Clocks, Mirrors, Fenders and Fire Irons, &c.

Bed Rooms—Bedroom Suites in Yellow and Crimson Rep, Iron Bedsteads with Hair and Spring Mattresses, Mahogany Wardrobes with Mirror Fronts, Mahogany Marble-top Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Chamber Stands, Bed Linen, Blankets, Carpets and Rugs.

Hall—Carved Oak Hatstand, Clocks, Marble-top Tables, Morocco-covered Settees.

Billiard Room—One English Billiard Table, by Surcouff & Watts; Two American Tables, by Pelian & Colander; Billiard Balls, Cues, Marking Boards, Billiard Lamps, Gasolier, Solid Bronze Statuettes, Clock and Chandelabrum to Match, Chino-Lithographs, Marble-top Side Tables, Marble-top Bar, Morocco-covered Settees, &c.

Stores—Sherry, Port, Claret, Beer, &c.

Also,

A large cooking Range, Copper Cook-ing Utensils, Jelly Moulds, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, Oct. 18, 1880. no11

To Let.

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FIRST FLOOR AND GROUND FLOOR of House No. 4, Praya East (known as the Bury House); Possession on the 1st of October.

Also,

THE HOUSE opposite the WANGTIE PRER, Marine Lot No. 29, containing 8 Rooms, etc., with Gas and Water laid on; Immediate possession.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

COAL GODOWNS—TO LET.

BURROW GODOWNS, Nos. 43, 50 and 54, PRAYA EAST; with Private Wharfs.

The GODOWNS, Nos. 111, 111A and 113, WANGTIE ROAD.

Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, September 13, 1880.

To Let.

TO LET.

KOWLOON HOTEL, well furnished, having a BILLIARD TABLE, Two BILLIARD ALLEYS, and One SHOOTING GALLERY.

Apply to J. J. JOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, October 12, 1880. no26

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED IN STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no1

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

THE DWELLING HOUSES—Nos. 31 and 33, WELLINGTON STREET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS, now in the occupation of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Strong Room attached; also other OFFICES and CHAMBERS in the same Building.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 6, MOSQUE TERRACE.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

TO LET.

N. O. 8, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, containing Eight Rooms and Out-Houses.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Intimations.

TENDERS will be RECEIVED at this Office up till Noon of WEDNESDAY, the 3rd Proximo, for Executing REPAIRS to the ROOF of the CARPENTER'S Shop, Royal Naval Yard, according to Specification and Conditions, which can be seen on Application to the NAVAL STORE-KEEPER.

The lowest, or any Tender will not be necessarily accepted.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no8

GARD.

MR. A. HAHN'S DANCING CHAMBERS have been Re-opened on the 7th October.

Fletcher's Buildings, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

SAILORS' HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailors' Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Intimations.

TENDERS will be RECEIVED at this Office up till Noon of WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant, for Executing REPAIRS to the ROOF of the CARPENTER'S Shop, Royal Naval Yard, according to Specification and Conditions, which can be seen on Application to the NAVAL STORE-KEEPER.

The lowest, or any Tender, will not be necessarily accepted.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, October 11, 1880. no27

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED. Apply at this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office will be held at the Office of the Undersigned, No. 7, QUEEN'S ROAD, on THURSDAY, the 28th Instant, at Half past Two o'clock p.m.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office.

Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no28

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

IN accordance with instructions received from the Board of Directors the HONGKONG BRANCH of this BANK will be CLOSED on the 30th September. Messrs TURNER & Co. will act as the BANK'S AGENTS at this Port.

the inimitable Sydney Smith to Lady Grey, the wife of the then Prime Minister:—

"For God's sake do not drag me into another war. I am worn down and worn out with reading, and defending Europe and protecting mankind; I must think a little of myself. I am sorry for the Spaniards; I am sorry for the Greeks; I deplore the fate of the Jews; the people of the Sandwich Islands are groaning under the most detestable tyranny; Bagdad is oppressed; I do not like the present state of the Delta; Tibet is not comfortable. Am I to fight with all these people? I am I to be the champion of the Decalogue, and to be eternally raising fleets and armies to make all men go to bed and happy? We have just done saving Europe, and I am afraid the consequences will be that we shall cut each other's throats. No war, dear Lady Grey, no eloquence; but apathy, selfishness, common sense, arithmetic! I beseech you secure Lord Grey's sword and pistols, as the housekeeper did Don Quixote's armour."

The *Batavia Dispatch* of the 28th September quotes the following from a Surabaya paper; we take our version from the *Strait Times* translation:—

Recently the Navy on the East Coast of Borneo has suffered a check in an encounter with pirates. H. N. M. S. *Stanger*, when cruising there, chased several small prahu of these gentry. These vessels were quickly drawn by them into a creek, and they betook themselves into the jungle. Armed boats were then dispatched against them. Their crew, 20 in number, landed. One prahu was then captured under fire, but our men not being under cover, suffered so much from the fire of the enemy that they had to retire with the loss of one killed and four wounded, including one officer. I need not say how dangerous are such petty reverses, ascribable in this case to excessive outrage.

CRICKET.

ARMY AND NAVY IN THE HONOURABLE CRICKET CLUB.

A match was commenced this afternoon between the Army and Navy and the H. C. Club. The Club after a rather bad beginning ran up 167 for eight wickets. Deane, Blandy, and Price, played well for their scores, and Leigh at the call of time was not out with 56 runs, the result of some remarkably vigorous batting. The match will be resumed at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

H. de C. Forbes, b. Bennett, 2
W. Hynes, b. Dalkin, 16
W. M. Deane, b. Dalkin, 23
H. Whyte, c. Bridges, b. Bennett, 5
A. R. Hundy, c. Bridges, b. Bennett, 26
C. S. Bart, b. Dalkin, 2
J. S. Fyfe, b. Bridges, 1
R. K. Leith, not out, 1
G. M. Price, c. Newington, b. Bridges, 23
A. J. Keston, not out, 1
E. Caldwell, b. Bennett, 11
Byes, 3; leg byes, 2; wides, 6; 11

Law Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
Saturday, Oct. 23.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the matter of Young Yee Sang, a bankrupt—Report of Registrar.
In the matter of Nursey Kewang, a bankrupt—Report of Registrar.
In the matter of Ng Aik, a bankrupt—Report of Registrar.
In the matter of Ho Tai Sang, a bankrupt—Report of Registrar.
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IN PROBATE.
In the goods of Sin Seng, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration. Petition by Chan Kwong Sung for \$10.68.

In the goods of R. T. Mordridge, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

In the goods of Tan Sang, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

In the goods of Sarah Jane Royston, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

In the goods of Alice Winder, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

In the goods of Cho Sui, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

In the goods of Fook Su Tong, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

In the goods of Luk To Kwang, deceased—Inventory Account and Scheme of Administration.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, Oct. 22.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE REGISTRAR.
After the Criminal Sessions had been adjourned to-day at ten minutes past noon, the Registrar (Mr. Gibbons) came into Court and took his seat. He had already been sent for, by the Chief Justice, and had refused to attend in Chambers. He brought with him the papers, or a number of papers relating to the cases which have now been lying over since Tuesday, a list of which we gave in our last night's issue.

After waiting ten minutes he retired to his office, instructing Mr. Stockhausen, usher, to call him if the Chief Justice attended.

In less than half-an-hour he returned and read the following letter from his place at the Registrar's table:—

"Sir, Ng Aik, a bankrupt—We have the honour to inform you that the enclosed form of certificate was sent to you this morning by Mr. Mossop, with a letter which is as follows:—

"October, 21.
"Messrs Stephens & Holmes, Solicitors.
"Dear Sirs, Ng Aik, a bankrupt. The enclosed cert of the appointment of Sin Sin, as creditors' assignee, has been a second time handed to me by your clerk for the Chief Justice's signature."

"On the last occasion that you sent it to me, I at once presented it to the Judge for signature. He said that the Registrar must himself present it for signature and point out at the same time to the Chief Justice his note on the file of the meeting at which Sin Sin was appointed. I have already written to you to this effect, and I repeated it verbally to you yesterday in presence of Mr. Gibbons. As there seems to be some misunderstanding, I think you had better show this letter to Mr. Gibbons."

"Yours truly, "W. H. Messop."
"Under these circumstances we beg to enclose this said form, and request you

will be good enough to do what is necessary in the matter.

"We have the honor to be, Sir, "Your most obedient servants, "S. Stephens & Holmes."

"H. P. Gibbons, Esq., "Registrar of Supreme Court."

The certificate referred to was as follows:—

"In the Supreme Court of Hongkong, "In Bankruptcy."

"In the matter of Ng Aik, a bankrupt."

"I do hereby certify that Sin Sin, who was chosen creditors' assignee of the estate and effects of the above-named bankrupt at a general meeting of creditors holden on the 18th day of October 1880, was duly elected, and I do hereby appoint him assignee accordingly."

"Given under my hand and the seal of this Court this—day of Oct., A.D. 1880."

"Chief Justice."

The Registrar continued: "The papers are still with the Chief Justice, and I decline to attend him in Chambers. If he does not like to look at it himself and see what my note is, I cannot help it. He wishes me to act as his clerk, and I don't choose to do it. This is the way public business is conducted in Hongkong."

The Registrar then called the Usher and instructed him to ask Mr. Mossop to come here as Deputy Registrar.

The Usher first brought back a message that Mr. Mossop would come in a few minutes.

Mr. Stockhausen afterwards delivered a message that Mr. Mossop said he was engaged with the Chief Justice now, and that, if the Registrar desired a Deputy Registrar, he might get Mr. Sangster.

Mr. Gibbons then declines to attend. After waiting for some time, the Registrar returned to his office, and shortly afterwards the Chief Justice left the Court-house.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before His Honor the Justice Judge, F. S. Macleay, Esq.)

Friday, October 22.

LARCENY OF A CLOCK.
Lee Kum Cho and Chu Awei, were charged with larceny of a clock, the property of Mr. Werner, bandmaster, from a house at No. 10, Upper Street, on the 21st inst. The case was of little public interest, and the facts of the robbery have already been made public in our police reports.

Mr. Macleay prosecuted for the 'turnover' General and the Jury was composed as follows:—Messrs D. K. Griffiths, J. H. White, E. P. Cumpson, J. C. Macleay, S. E. Levy, M. J. Murray, and F. G. de Catta.

The Jury found the first prisoner guilty of the larceny charged, and the second guilty of aiding and abetting him, and sentence was reserved.

Police Intelligence.

(Before His Honor the Justice Judge, F. S. Macleay, Esq.)

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Defendant was ordered to enter into his own recognisance, with two sureties in fifty dollars each, to be of good behaviour for six weeks, in default to be committed.

A SUICIDE.
Cheung Chan Chai, a vegetable gardener, appeared on a summons by Mr. C. Wagner, clerk, for causing a nuisance by exposing night soil in his garden, and then by causing an offensive smell. Defendant had on a former occasion been fined a dollar for the same offence. He was now fined five dollars, in default to be imprisoned for fourteen days with hard labour.

LARCENY.
Mau Aun, 22, male, was charged with stealing a gold hat pin of the value of \$8, from Sang Sang Ho, a married woman. The defendant snatched the pin from the complainant's head, as she was walking in the Hollywood Road. The case was clearly proved, and prisoner was sentenced to be imprisoned for three months, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement, and the remainder with hard labour.

BEFORE THE HON. NY CHOI.
Lung Fung Yee, 69, was charged with being drunk, in default to be imprisoned for one month, for retailing opium without a license.

PUBLIC GAMBLING.
Chiu Aun, 20, Cheung Aung, 27, Kwok Aun, 28, and seven others, were charged with public gambling at No. 8, Upper Station Street, on the 21st inst. The case was proved by Acting Inspector Perry, who, with a party of Police and two informers, arrested the prisoners and found various gambling gear in the house. The second prisoner, who occupied the ground floor of the house, Defendant gave the usual excuses, "some went to the house to see a friend, some lived there, some went to work, and some even found him there."

The second prisoner was charged with keeping a gambling house, and fined \$100, in default to be imprisoned for one month, with hard labour. The third defendant, for haunting a gambling house, was fined \$30, in default to be imprisoned for two months with hard labour. The other prisoners, for haunting a gambling house, were fined \$30 each, in default to be imprisoned for three weeks with hard labour. A sum of \$5 each was to be paid to the two informers, out of the fines, when paid.

Bangkok.
(From our own Correspondent.)

(Oct. 5th, 1880.)

The vexed question of the claim of Messrs Malherbe, Julien & Co. on the estate of Phra-pree-char, has resulted in their favour. His Majesty having issued a special order to allow all ships loaded by this firm to clear without regard to the payment of the export duties, leaving these as an offset to the claim against the Government until the matter shall be definitely arranged.

This act of justice towards one of our most obedient business firms was performed very graciously by the young monarch and will add very much to his popularity among the foreign residents, who are beginning to look directly to His Majesty for protection against the corruption of the Court, the extortion of the country magistrates, and the general system of plunder pervading all departments to a more or less degree.

His Majesty has always, since his accession to the throne, manifested a sincere desire to do justice to all, himself, and to require, as far as in him lay, any injustice on the part of his subordinates. He has always appeared to look upon this attribute as one that "becomes a throne. I may say better than his crown." At a not far distant date, we look confidently forward to such reforms in the administration of justice in this kingdom as will purify the lower channels, and allow the royal stream to flow through them to its original source as bright and sparkling as it issues from the fountains.

When the San Tan Pre-take shall acknowledge a new head, and Phya Rat Kaung Maung is gathered to his fathers, we may look forward with high anticipations to the future. This is, at present, the one great blot on the escutcheon of Siam. Her code of laws is by no means a bad one, if it was carried out fairly and impartially. But the torture of witnesses to extort the truth, and the notorious venality which pervades every agency in the department of justice, are serious drawbacks to the working out of the scheme, and bring it into well-merited contempt and abhorrence.

The ceremony of drinking the waters of allegiance on the part of the officers of the King and the Government officials took place at the Wat Phra Kow, on the 1st instant. Quite a number of foreigners, including several ladies, assembled early in the morning at the Museum to see the King and Court pass in to the Temple about 11.30. His Majesty, surrounded by his gentlemen-at-arms, accompanied by the members of the Royal Family, and followed by the Heads of Departments, left the palace and proceeded to the Temple. Two foreigners only were, by special permission of the King, allowed to be present during the ceremony.—Gen. Halderman, the U. S. Consul, and Mr. Blancheton, the Consul of France. On reaching the Temple, His Majesty took his seat on the throne prepared for him with his courtiers and officials arranged according to their degrees. The ceremony of consecrating the water was then performed by the priests, of whom a large army were in attendance. After the prayers had been chanted the King's sword was immersed in the chalice, containing the liquid, and the solemn oath was recited by the assemblage. It was in the form of an invocation to the spirits of air, earth and water, to visit with their direct evils all and any who swerved in the remotest degree from

their allegiance to the present Ruler of the realm, or who even meditated treason or harm to the country or its institutions. It invoked every species of malediction on the head of the avowed or secret traitor and after a life of misery and woe hoped he might fall beneath the vengeance of the outraged monarch of which the sword held aloft was the type. The consecrated water was then filled into glasses, and handed to the King who touched his lips to the glass, and to the Second King, who drank a few drops and sprinkled a few on his head, then to the King's uncle, the Venerable Chao Fah Maha Mala, the Royal family, and the Heads of Departments, commencing with the Prime Minister. This ceremony, which is of very ancient origin, dating back to the 14th century, when the monarchs of the let Dynasty reigned supreme at Ayudhia, is one of an exceedingly solemn and impressive description. It carries me back to the early days of our own history, when the fierce warriors of the North raised their monarchs in their bucklers and bearing him on their shoulders around the field proclaimed him King and swore fidelity to him, and to the later days when the board of chieftains of Normandy crossed their blades before the eyes of their chosen chief and kissing the tilia balled him as their sovereign and pledged eternal fealty to him—oaths alas! too often written in water, and made only to be broken. The Siamese are, however, a loyal race, and their young King's growing popularity among them, is a sure guarantee of the stability of the throne than all the oaths of allegiance the world can produce, even if, like those of Harold, sworn upon the crumbling bones of whom all the world holds sacred and inextinguishably holy. His Highness the Ex-Royal Prince, of all the great nobles, was absent, a severe cold confining the aged statesman to his palace. His Majesty on the following day, to show his great concern for, and high esteem of the faithful minister of his father and the wise counsellor of his own youth, honored him with a visit, and spent some time with him.

The yearly visiting of the temples by His Majesty and his Court, commences on the 20th inst., and will be conducted with all pomp usual on such occasions. The water-purification is particularly impressive and has been much admired.

The King's birthday passed off very quietly. The absence of the Foreign Minister and the Court mourning for the Queen and Royal Prince, threw a gloom over the festivities. The ships and houses were brilliantly illuminated as usual. The Court and the foreign officials paid their respects in ample form at high noon, and a grand ball was given at the "Srauram Palace," by H. R. H. Chao Fah Oug Noy, the King's own younger brother. A heavy squall which came up about 6 on that evening, and deluged the whole city up to 11, rather damped this latter affair, and threw cold water on it. The halls of glittering light were however grand with our fairest and our bravest, and all went as merry as at the Duchess of Richmond's in the days of long ago, though it did not break up as suddenly.

Truly the palace might be styled a hall of glittering light, for, in addition to the mass of chandeliers, two enormous electric lights were suspended in the ball room, and the radiance was overpowering. Every look and eye to the gleaming robes of the ladies, every pin used by the gentlemen to prevent the slipping up of their white collars or their neck-uppers were distinctly visible, and reflections in apparel were made of which the joyous wearers were happily unconscious. No surreptitious hand-squeezes in the quadrille, no shy hug in the merry waltz, no drooping of the head fondly for an instant on a partner's shoulder, and pass unnoticed in this fierce glare. Hitters from the crowd of spectators and unnumbered blades of the third commandment, on the part of the performers, testified too plainly that too much light is a bore.

Mr. Falsgrave, H. B. M.'s Agent and Consul General, has made himself extremely popular during his residence in Siam, both with the foreign element and the native authorities. A judicious snubbing of an impertinence on the part of the late U. S. Consul, about 4th of July time, this year, rather enhanced this popularity with all classes, even with the fellow-citizens of the party snubbed, who rather enjoyed his discomfiture. Recently, on hearing that Mrs. Falsgrave was en route to Bangkok, the lieutenant tendered his magnificent paddle-steamer *Aplo* to bring her up from Singapore; and the King despatched an Aide-de-Camp to the Residence to offer his yacht the *Vesuvius* for the same purpose. I believe the *Aplo* had been accepted, and we may soon look for the arrival of this lady.

A legal question is now being eagerly discussed on all hands with much gesticulation and loud-voiced argument. The bearings are very much the same as those decided by your courts in the failure of Lyall, Still & Co., the right of consignors to stop goods in transit, where a Bill of Lading has been taken to "order," and then endorsed over to an impetuous consignee. The parties are all German, and the case has to be decided by the laws of that empire. I am informed by one of my German friends that the laws of that country recognize as the owner of goods shipped upon the salt, salt sea, only the holder of the Bill of Lading, no matter how it may have been obtained. "If so, why not, perhaps, perforce?" The opinions of Edward Outtie, mariner, would be valuable in such a case.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SAVING OF LIFE AT SEA.
To the Editor of the Daily Times.

Singapore, 4th Oct., 1880.

SIR,—In your issue of the 21st ultimo, there appears a letter addressed to Captain Gulland of the *Glengyle* by Captain Rodriguez of the Spanish ship *Nueva Luna*, thanking him for rescuing the crew of his vessel in the English Channel when she was hopelessly on fire.

It may not generally be known that this is the third occasion on which Captain Gulland has been instrumental in saving life. The wreck of the M. M. steamer *Melbourn* at Gardafui, and the timely rescue of her passengers and crew by Captain Gulland in the *Glengyle*, will still be fresh in the recollection of many of your readers, but the incident which happened previous to this may not be so well remembered. Some six years ago Captain Gulland was in command of the *Glengyle* and in a Spanish vessel, the *Glengyle*, a severe typhoon had been raging, and the weather was still very tempestuous when the disabled vessel was sighted. The *Glengyle* at once bore down upon her, and notwithstanding the high and dangerous sea then running, a boat was lowered, and all on board the sinking ship safely transferred to the *Glengyle*. The welcome assistance did not arrive a moment too soon, as the crew were well-nigh exhausted with constant pumping, and shortly afterwards the vessel foundered. It is a somewhat striking coincidence that both these ships sailed under the Spanish flag, but it is more singular that, excepting a letter of thanks from the commandant of the respective vessels, there has been no recognition of Capt. Gulland's humane and praiseworthy conduct. In the case of the *Melbourn*, the French Government promptly showed its appreciation of Captain Gulland's services by conferring upon him a gold medal of the first-class, and the *Melbourn* Company also in a most graceful manner marked its approval of his conduct. That no token of their admiration of such gallant actions towards their countrymen should be given by so chivalrous a nation as the Spaniards can only be explained by supposing that a knowledge of them has not reached the proper quarters. Truly, men who are ready to risk their lives in saving others are actuated by no mercenary motives, but simply obey the impulse of duty to its highest extent, yet as an incentive to others who may not be possessed of the same amount of courage and determination, it is well that rewards should be bestowed on the deserving. For this purpose Societies have been formed to confer honors upon those who have rendered distinguished services to their country or to humanity. It is a just and wise practice, and well calculated to excite emulation in others. Thackeray, writing on this subject in his chapter on ribbons, thus expresses himself: "We trust our lives to these seams, and hope nobly they fulfil their trust. They are under heaven as providence for us. Whilst we sleep, their untiring watchfulness keeps guard over us; all night through that bell sounds at its season, and tells how our sentinels defend us. It rang when the *Jason* was on fire, and chimed its brave and cheerful duty, and courage, and honour. Think of the dangers these seams undergo for us: the hourly peril and watch, the familiar storm, the dreadful iceberg, the long winter nights when the decks are as glass, and the sailor has to climb through icicles and head the stiff sail on the yard. Think of their courage and kindness in cold, in tempest, in hunger, in wreck? The women and children to the hearts, says the captain of the *Birkenhead*, and with the troops formed on the deck, and the crew obedient to the glorious word of command, the immortal ship goes down." Such were the sentiments of this gifted writer, and they will be widely echoed by all right-thinking men.

Like most eminent seamen, Captain Gulland is remarkable for his modest and retiring disposition, and his dislike to anything partaking of publicity, but it is none the less due to him to point out that what he has accomplished in saving life has been done under no ordinary circumstances. Commanding the fastest tea-racing steamers, his every movement is watched by those interested with the keenest anxiety, the delay for a day or sometimes even a few hours involving them in serious loss. Everything must be sacrificed to speed; the merchant pays for, and expects to get; the temptation therefore to pass by vessels in distress becomes all the greater to men of less force of character. Captain Gulland has not allowed himself to be swayed by such considerations when he has been at stake in any perilous emergency; and whilst the consciousness of having done a good action may always in itself be esteemed a sufficient reward, still such generous deeds deserve to be recorded, and cannot fail to command the respect and admiration of his fellow-countrymen.—Yours &c.

RIBBONS.

NOTES FROM SZE-CHUEN.

"Pioneer" forwards the following scraps from his Journal from Chungking, Sze-chuen:—

Sunday, Sept. 19.

